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# The Grossmont Story

# How Grossmont joined the ivy league

by Norrie West

Hundreds of alumni and friends of the Grossmont Union High School District attended Saturday's reunion party and took note of the ivy-covered granite building that presently headquarters the district.

Seventy-five years ago it was a brand-new high school and, in fact, the only high school in the entire inland area, serving Alpine, Lakeside, Santee, Jamul, Lemon Grove, Spring Valley, La Mesa and El Cajon.

How did that ivy grow so as to almost completely hide the granite that Ed Fletcher donated back in 1921? There is one fellow, Karl Busch of the class of 1926, who knows all about that English Ivy.

Karl and his brother, Dinon, were the young boys who brought the cuttings from Castle Rock Ranch and planted them.

"Near the front doors," Karl says.

That was in the fall of 1922 when Karl was just entering Grossmont Union High School as

It seems the ivy at Castle Rock Ranch (about where Parkway

Plaza Shopping Center is now) came from the residence of Author Washington Irving, who lived in Tarrytown, N.Y.

J.M. Asher, who owned the El Cajon ranch, brought the clippings crosscountry and planted them. That was in 1888

But do you know where Mr. Irving got his clippings? Well, he visited Melrose Abbey in Scotland. And so the author of Rip Van Winkle wrapped them carefully for the ocean voyage back

Before 1922 there was Lakeside High. "There were graduations in 1923, 1924 and 1925,"



Busch remembers, "but my class was the first four-year class at Grossmont High.

Karl lived across what is now I-8 near the Grossmont store and

"I had the job of checking the cement water tanks up the mountain-side to see if we needed to turn on the pumps," he says. When I forgot to do it they would call the school and then I was called into Principal Carl

Ouicksall's office. Busch says he hopes to be at the various events celebrating the high school district's 75th birthday. And he just might look at ivy to see if it needs a bit of water.



Karl Busch

#### crowd at Saturday's 75th all-district reunion at Grossmont High School.

The Mount Miguel High School Jazz Band performs for a casual

# New senior health center to open Thursday Mesa Valley Grove Senior Department of Aging, Adult Day program is designed to help men-

Adult Day Health Care Center in Casa de Oro 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Thursday at the Center, located at 9805 Campo Rd., Suite 130, in Spring Valley.

District 2 Supervisor Dianne Jacob will participate in the grand opening, which will include a dedication of the new facility and a ribbon cutting ceremony. Representatives from the

Programs will unveil its new Health Care branch in Sacramen- tally and/or physically impaired the San Diego Department of Area Agency on Aging will also be in attendance.

The grand opening festivities will include food, refreshments, entertainment and the recognition of the Mardi Gras King and Queen, Dr. Floyd Wergeland of Spring Valley and Fran Lane of Lemon Grove.

The Adult Day Health Care

adults to maintain or improve their level of functioning in order to remain at home. Among the services offered at the facility are medical care and supervision by a registered nurse as well as physical occupational and speech therapy

For further information, please contact Mesa Valley Grove Senior Programs at 460-0430.

# Jacob, Horn explore issues despite majority absence

by Greg Eichelberger

The special East County meeting of the county Board of Supervisors in Lakeside Saturday was reduced to a simple "public hearing" because only two supervisors showed up

Supervisors Dianne Jacob and Bill Horn were the board's only representatives at the conclave. with Ron Roberts. Pam Slater and Greg Cox conspicuously missing from the fray. Cox's absence was explained by a death in the family, but no explanation was offered for the other two.

Jacob and Horn plowed ahead with the issues. Crime, land use planning and the area's homeless population were vigorously discussed by those in attendance. which included Sheriff Bill Kolender, Capt. Chuck Lane, Land Use Director Gary Pryor and Upper San Diego River Improvement Project (USDRIP) Coordinator Mary Allison.

So, while a young family fed ducks just outside the glass doors, the crowd of 60 - 75 settled into folding chairs and was treated to a six-minute video presentation touting the Upper San Diego River Improvement Project, the widening of Los Coches Road (just in time for the Wal-Mart crowds) and the extension of Mast Boulevard.

Kolender then began the meeting by addressing some of Lakeside's public safety issues with a little humor

"I just spent a week in New York City," he mused. "Believe me, we have no complaints about crime.

He went on to show statistical proof that the rate of violent and property crimes in the unincorporated area are the second-lowest in the county, second only to Poway, as determined by the Sheriff's Crime Analysis Unit. And, while service calls have increased in this area, response time is continuing to decrease.

"The crime rates in these areas (which include Lakeside, Bostonia and unincorporated El Cajon) are low," Kolender claimed. "And we want to keep them this way

He then introduced seven new deputies who will be permanently assigned to Lakeside in July, and praised the efforts of the Senior Volunteer Sheriff's Patrols, before turning the time over to Capt.

"Our top two priorities for Lakeside are reducing the officer response time and dealing with

the increase of homelessness. especially around the Lindo Park area." Lane said.

He said the Sheriff's Department responds to all calls for service in the order of of importance For instance, a life-saving call would obviously supercede a car theft or vandalism report. The current response time for a highpriority call is eight minutes in the unincorporated areas.

Lane said the department is trying to reduce this by establishing Report Writing Units and Community Service Officers to handle low- and non-priority

"This, we feel, will free up our deputies to respond to emergency situations must faster," he said.

When asked what can be done about the growing homeless population, Lane explained the ness: economic depression and government institutions no longer housing the mentally ill.

"And while being homeless is by no means a crime, some do become involved in criminal activities, such as trespassing, loitering, public drunkenness, disorconduct and other miscellaneous, suspicious behavior," he said

Lane indicated that many issues concerning the homeless should be addressed through social service agencies, while the Sheriff's Department remains ready to act if necessary.

Local governments could pass ordinances to have law enforcement officers take action against scavenging in Dumpsters or consuming alcoholic beverages in county parks, he said.

Without much public comment on this issue, the topic then moved to the conflict between government and land owners caused by the current Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP) and the Resources Protection Ordinance (RPO).

The MSCP is a visionary plan to protect threatened and endangered plant and animal species countywide by establishing an interlocking network of protected habitat and open space connected by corridors. The idea is to create enough habitat to keep additional plant and animal species from being listed as threatened or endangered.

Although the exact boundaries have yet to be decided, a large area from north of Santee south to Jamul will probably be included.

A related strategy is to create a Continued on Page 3

# **B** Words

#### by Bob Burns

#### At least a thousand thanks

On the mornings after my retirement party, I have just one thousand things to say. The first is "Thank You, Everyone." The other 999 are ditto to that. Jackie and I were just overwhelmed by the turnout and by all of the kind things that were said. Between the MTDB folks and all of the wonderful people here in Lemon Grove, we will have to build another room to properly display the plaques and proclamations. What we probably will do is take down some of the other things in our hallway to make room for the new adornments.

We were very pleased to see a sizeable contingent from the veterinary community at the function. My other vocation was a long and satisfying one with many good friends and treasured memories resulting from it. The Sheriff's Department was also well represented and I was given a "white car" of my very own. Thanks Sheriff Kolender, I will prize it highly, but I would still rather drive a marked one when I am 10-8 (on shift)

We found that our City Clerk/Treasurer Christine Taub has an attribute that we were unaware of. It is her brother, Marty Murphy, who brought tears to our eyes with laughter (Irish jokes) and with emotion when he sang "Danny Boy." I believe that even the non-Micks in the house were impressed as well, in that their lusty rendition of "Irish Eyes" was a joy to behold.

The cities of Santee, La Mesa, El Cajon, the County (Dianne Jacob) and reps from Steve Peace, Steve Baldwin, along with Dr. Roger Beck from the County Veterinary Association, and Warren Buckner of Helix Water, all produced impressive momentos of the occasion. Again, I

City Manager Doug Yount, Nancy McCadam, Judy Skene and Chris Taub were the committee, and selfishly, I think it was their best yet. The big band music was great. I missed dancing with all of the lovely ladies, but I did manage to get a few kisses along the way. That was not my flushing that you saw reddening my face, it was lipstick. There were some wonderful sponsors who assisted with the program and I want to thank them, as well, especially for the fax machine that was the big present of the evening.

I also received an official trolley driver's uniform from Tom Larwin and MTDB. He quickly informed me that it would not sanction my actually driving one, however. My neighbor gave me a scale model of my boat, the "Mono Queen," with appropriate engineering data to prove it would float.

My final observation was that for one of average IQ. small of stature, moderate physical skills, and various talents that are not vast (more like half vast). I have amazed myself over my 72 years. By just showing up, using common sense in decision making and persevering in the tasks undertaken, one can really accomplish some wonderful things. If everything that was said about me that night were even half true, then it must prove something

Above all of the thank yous to present company. I include my father and mother for bringing me up right and setting example for me to follow. My God, who has blessed me and my family so lavishly and who I pray is pleased with my service, is highest on the list, but very close behind is my dear wife Jackie. She is the real reason for any small success that I have achieved since June 1, 1946. Tomorrow, this very fortunate alliance will celebrate 50 years, and I thank God most of all for that

Upon re-reading this piece. I am compelled to add another 1,000 dittos to the top lines above

# Sheriff's Log

May 1, 1996

7000 blk. Broadway. Petty theft-shoplift. PG test/soap/lotion \$20.16 value

7400 blk. Pacific Ave. Auto theft. '77 Toy Cel. \$500 value.

7500 blk. Broadway. Petty theft. Wallet/SS/DL MI \$10 value

3500 blk. West St. Petty theft. Queen. HLR Puppy. \$200 value.

May 2, 1996

7400 blk. Broadway. Grand theft. Purse/DL/Cash. \$516 value.

3200 blk. Lemon Grove Ave. Grand theft. Laptop computer/camcorder. \$820 value

3200 blk. Lemon Grove Ave. Strong armed robbery. Unknown liquor. Value unknown

May 3, 1996

3100 blk. Crane St. Auto theft. Motorcycle trailer. \$1,200 value.

8400 blk. Broadway. Petty theft. Cab fare. \$90.96

7100 blk. Broadway. Strong armed robbery. Cash, CC/ATM/DL \$1,340 value

May 5, 1996

7500 blk. Church St. Auto theft. '84 Toy. Cor. Gold. \$1,500 value. May 5-6, 1996

7600 blk. Lemon Ave. Vehicle Burglary. Cellular phone/bag/glass

May 7, 1996

1700 blk. Skyline Dr. Strong armed robbery. Car stereo/\$/Cash. \$175 value

May 8-9, 1996

6900 blk. Central Ave. Grand theft. Mountain bikes X2 \$909 value

3100 blk. School Ln. Grand theft. Stereo/CD's/DL. \$851 value. 1700 blk. Primera. Auto theft. '83 Toy Cres Blu. \$4,000 value May 10, 1996

7500 blk. Broadway. Auto theft. '85 Niss 200 Gray. \$850 value.

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City Manager Doug Yount Planning Director: Jim Butler Gloria McLean Attorney City Clerk Christine Taub Sheriff's Capt .: Yolanda Collins Fire Chief: William Wright

Congressional district:

52nd - Duncan Hunter State Senate district:

40th - Steve Peace State Assembly district:

77th - Steve Baldwin Supervisorial district:

2nd - Dianne Jacob

1993 taxable sales: \$1.47 million Libraries: Post offices: 1 Parks 4 Recreation centers

#### Member



# **College Notes**

Douglas J. Adams of Lemon Grove, a student in the University of Iowa College of Engineering, has been included in the 1996 edition of Who's Who Among Students in Universities and Colleges. Some 41 students from the IU have been selected as national outstanding campus leaders. Adams was selected by campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory based on his academic achievement. service to the community, extracurricular activities and potential for continued success

Eric J. Nichols of Lemon Grove has been named to the Dean's List at Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, N.J. To qualify for the Dean's List, students must attain a 3.0 grade-point average and remain in good academic standing. Stevens was founded in 1870 and currently has an enrollment of 1,400 undergraduate and 2,200 graduate students.

# **Community Notes**

#### WIC clinic scheduled

The American Red Cross WIC (Women, Infants & Children) program will provide free vouchers for nutritious food, nutrition education, breastfeeding support and social service referrals to eligible pregnant, breast-feeding or postpartum women and their children at the WIC clinics scheduled for June 10 and 12 at the Amistad Cristiana Christian Fellowship, 955 Cardiff St. (just south of Lemon Grove).

Most AFDC and food stamp recipients and foster children are automatically eligible for WIC. Most Medi-Cal patients are also qualified. Many working families, including military families, are also eligible Eligibility is based on a combination of total family size and total household income

The WIC program has achieved great success in improving the health of women and children. Medical surveys have shown that participation in WIC reduces late fetal death rates, significantly improves the diets of infants and small children and promotes enhanced mother-baby bonding.

To receive more information or make an appointment, please call the American Red Cross WIC program at 262-8562.

#### In the Service

John D. Haddock, son of Marjorie S. Haddock of Lemon Grove, recently was promoted to his present rank while serving with Marine Helicopter Training Squadron 301. 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Base, Kaneohe Bay, HI. Haddock, a 1982 graduate of Mount Miguel High School, was promoted based on sustained superior job performance and proficiency in his designated specialty.

# -Public Notices -

PUBLIC HEARING LEMON GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

THAT the Planning Commission of the City of Lemon Grove Culttorma will hold a public hearing on lung 10-1906 at 7-30 p.m. in at 3146 School Lane

ning Commission will consider recommending City Council adoption of General Plan Amend-ment (GPA96-01) - Comprehenment (GPA96-01) - Comprehen-sive General Plan Update and

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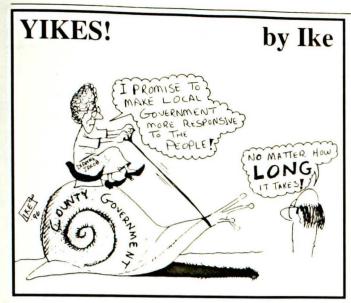
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# **Supervisors**

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local program acceptable to state and federal regulatory wildlife agencies, so individual property owners can move forward with development rather than going through the lengthy federal and/or State process on a case-by-case basis.

"This board has not yet adopted a Multi-species open space plan," declared Jacob. "What Slater and I are trying to do is establish a volunteer plan that individual private property owners can live with. Anytime you deal with the federal government, it can be frustrating.

Horn is pushing the board to place authorization of the MSCP on the November ballot. He told the audience he has an Internet Website. www.billhorn.com, for those interested in learning more.

The Resource Protection Ordinance (RPO) was adopted in May of 1989 for the purpose of protecting certain environmental resources from development associated with discretionary land use permits (such as tentative subdivision maps, major use permits, etc.). The resources regulated under the RPO are floodplains, steep slope lands, sensitive habitat areas, wetlands and prehistoric and historic sites

The ordinance has received mixed reviews since its adoption. Some backcountry residents and environmental groups support its role in protecting sensitive areas from development, while property rights advocates and land-use consultants complain of duplicate and overlapping government bureaucracy, its inflexibility and inadequate specific

Last November, Horn brought forward a proposal to rescind the RPO. Instead, the board directed staff and the Planning Commission to develop a report, which recommends several changes, including transferring floodplain, wetland and steep slope regulations to other likeminded agencies. The board will make a final decision this year

# Roller Hockey signups begin

The East County Roller Hockey League, a member league of the San Diego Roller Hockey Conference, is conducting registration for the Summer Season. The season will run from July 13 to Sept. 21. Games will be played on Saturdays and practices will be held once a week, Monday-Friday. Coaches and referees are needed.

The League is open to boys

and girls in the following age divisions: 5-8; 9-11; 12-15. Players must provide their own helmet with cage, gloves, knee and elbow pads, mouth guard, hockey

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# County OKs Lemon Grove CDBG projects

by Dave Schwab

More than \$1 million in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding is being funnelled into the East County communities of Lakeside, Spring Valley, Lemon Grove and Casa de Oro for more than a dozen community projects to upgrade vital health and recreational services, and to conduct essential infrastructure improvements

Federal CDBG funding is granted annually to local governments to remove blight and improve local community services. Low-to-moderate income areas are targeted for funding.

The 1996-97 fiscal year, starting in July, marks the 21st year the CDBG program has been active in San Diego County

The city of Lemon Grove had four community development projects funded in this year's CDBG allotment: \$6,000 for continuation of its fair housing marketing program and tenant/landlord dispute resolution service operated by the Heartland Human Relations Association; \$48,272 for Lemon Grove Park parking lot improvements; \$10,000 for a new auditorium sound system for Lemon Grove Middle School: and \$80,000 for drainage improvements along Central and Massachusetts avenues.

Perennial flooding problems at Lemon Grove Park's parking lot at 8253 Mount Vernon St. will be alleviated by an infusion of \$48. 272 in CDBG monies for removal of existing asphalt and installation of new base, asphalt, restriping and drainage improvements to the lot. The lot floods during rainy weather, causing unsafe conditions due to the rapid discharge of runoff water onto adjacent Washington Street. Parking lot upgrading will redesign the on-site drainage, and repave the lot, which is heavily used by park visitors and seniors

Long-awaited funding for installation of a new sound system for Lemon Grove Middle School at 7866 Lincoln St will be facilitated through a \$10,000 CDBG grant. The auditorium serves as a community meeting hall for large groups

Further infrastructure improvements for Lemon Grove will be facilitated through an \$80,000 CDBG grant for design and in-

stallation of drainage pipe from the intersection of Central and Massachusetts avenues, north along Massachusetts Avenue to Broadway, with connections to existing facilities on Broadway and Central avenues. Local residences in the area are flooded during heavy rains, which leaves standing water to collect in lowlying areas creating health and safety problems. This project will collect and channel rainwater to existing drainage facilities along the route, thus preventing neighborhood flooding

"This money will not necessarily solve the city's flooding problems, but it will sure make a dent in them," commented Charles Stuck, Lemon Grove engineer.

Three community improvement projects were funded in Lakeside: \$40,000 for downtown facade improvements; \$98,000 for Lakeside Boys and Girls Club Gymnasium interior improvements; and \$75,000 for parking and playground design at Lindo Lake Park.

Spring Valley is to be the benefactor of six CDBG projects: \$250,000 for establishment of a health clinic; \$89,000 for design for a new library; \$75,000 for a commercial facade rebate program; \$50,000 for Sweetwater Lane Park restroom building design; \$6,000 for community trash cleanup; and \$62,000 for Leland Street sidewalk improvements.

Casa de Oro received funding for two CDBG projects: \$45,000 for area drainage improvements; and \$111,000 for South Bonita Street improvements

Edward Baker, county director of Housing and Community Development, said the majority of community projects recommended for CDBG funding each year don't make the cut

"We always get many more projects proposed than we have funded," Baker said. "It's just a matter of trying to prioritize projects." Projects unfunded in any given year are far from dead. Baker added

"They go back in (CDBG). they're still eligible." he said. 'Many of them are very high priority projects. We just don't have enough money. Some of these projects that weren't funded this year may be funded next year

In Spring Valley, \$89,000 in CDBG funding will be directed at

preparation of plans, design, engineering and development of bid documents for a new Spring Valley library. Spring Valley Library currently occupies leased space in a strip shopping mall on Elkelton Boulevard. Several new sites are being explored for library relocation including Mt. Miguel High School property on Sweetwater Road, at La Presa Middle School on Leland Street and at Spring Valley Community Center on Jamacha Road.

A total of \$250,000 in supplemental funding is being allocated in Spring Valley for establishment of a health clinic, to be operated on the northwest corner of Jamacha Road and Helix Street. There is currently no communitybased health clinic in the community to serve low-income residents.

Spring Valley will also receive \$75,000 in a facade rebate program to upgrade the visible exterior of blighted businesses in specific commercial areas

Sweetwater Lane Sports Park at 1312 Sweetwater Lane in Spring Valley is to receive \$50,000 for development of plans and specifications for construction of housing, concession. maintenance and storage areas and restrooms

A total of \$6,000 will be allotted to Spring Valley for a two weekend cleanup campaign to include placement of trash bins and disposal of waste in the vicinity of Jamacha Road in Spring Valley.

Leland Street in Spring Valley has been targeted for \$62,000 in funding to design and construct curbs, gutters and sidewalks on the west side of the street, across from La Presa Middle School, to enhance safety for schoolchildren and area residents. The residential street frontage is currently unimproved.

Casa de Oro will receive \$45,000 in transfer funding for the first phase of an ongoing project to improve drainage on Buena Vista Drive, South Barcelona Street. South Granada Avenue, Dolores Street and in the alley south of Campo Road between South Granada and South Barcelona streets.

Another \$111,000 in CDBG funding in Casa de Oro will go toward design and installation of curbs, gutters and sidewalks, road widening and drainage improve-

# Mixer a highlight of 'Prosperity Week'

by Greg Eichelberger

Even the massive confines of the Gillespie Field Aerospace Museum seemed drawfed by the overflow crowd (estimated as well over 500) that took advantage of the food, fun and business opportunities presented by the ulti-Chamber of Commerce social mixer put on by the El Cajon and La Mesa chambers, in concerewith what was billed as "East County Prosperity Week.'

By all accounts, the affair was a smashing success

"This was fabulous," said Jerie Alexander, of the El Cajon chamber. "Everyone had a great time, and I've heard nothing but good things from those I saw as they were leaving."

Like any mixer of this sort, tables allowed merchants as varied as the Elegant Buffet. American Cancer Society, Subway Sandwiches, Sharp HealthCare, Outback Steakhouse, Paul T. Linsk Accounting Services. Tropical Breeze Deli, the state Employment Development Department, Pizza Nova, Ox Bow Inn and Leatherby's Ice Cream, among many others, to present their wares, while the multitude browsed about at their leisure.

Mayors, city and county officials, local beauty pageant queens, chamber members, business tycoons and other dignitaries blended to make this one of the largest such events in East County history.

"This is fantastic," exclaimed Doug Wilson, president of the Padre Dam Water District Board of Directors. "The food is great. the weather is perfect and the amount of people here is amazing. The (El Cajon and La Mesa) chambers really deserve a pat on the back for this mixer.

And, if the aroma and taste of steak, wood-fired pizza, chicken, hot sandwiches and Chinese food weren't enough, those in attendance also had the opportunity to win valuable door prizes, as well as network and mingle with other like-minded entrepreneurs.

"I have to say that there were many people who worked to make this a success," said Alexander. "In my opinion, this is a great way to celebrate our communities and to commemora e East County Prosperity Week.'

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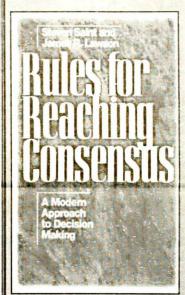
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